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Re: United States v. Edwards

Dear Messrs. Harbach and Higdon:

In light of the Court's January 26, 2012, revised scheduling order requiring motions based on F.R.Evid. 801 (d)(2)(B)-(E) to be filed by February 15, 2012, we are writing to ask you to identify any statements of any witnesses that you seek to admit under those provisions. It is obviously impossible for us to be able to address or oppose the admission of statements as the Court has ordered without knowing what you intend.

As you know from our motion, we are not even sure who you claim the 801(d)(2)(E) co-conspirators to be and, of course, even then what specific statements you profess were made to further the objects of the conspiracy. Once you tell us which is which, we can then decide if the statements represent people who are agents or if Mr. Edwards adopted the statement or if the statement was from a co-conspirator or even then if it was made in furtherance of any conspiracy for the motions practice addressed by the Court's schedule.

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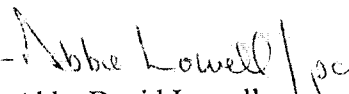
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For our cross-examination of the government's case and our case-in-chief, we do not yet see any such statements to identify and believe our proffers would be under F.R.Evid. 801(d)(1).

As our motions are due in 15 days, we really need to have your intentions as soon as possible.

Sincerely,


Abbe David Lowell

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